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## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
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X	<p>WO 99/61911 A (HOSTETLER MICHAEL J ; TEMPLETON ALLEN C (US); UNIV NORTH CAROLINA (US)) 2 December 1999 (1999-12-02)</p> <p>page 6 page 8, paragraph 3 - page 9, paragraph 1 page 10, paragraph 2; claims 6,8,9,11 ----- -/--</p>	<p>1-5,11, 20-22, 25-28, 30-33, 40,52, 53,58</p>
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X	<p>TERANISHI T. ET AL: "Fabrication of gold nanoparticle superlattices and their optical and electronic properties" GOLD, 2003, pages 978-982, XP002306166</p> <p>abstract page 980; figure 4</p>	<p>1,3-5, 11,14, 15, 20-22, 28,31, 32,40, 52-54,58</p>
Y	<p>SRIKANTH H. ET AL: "Dynamic transverse susceptibility in Au-Fe-Au nanoparticles" MATERIALS SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING, vol. 304-306, 2001, pages 901-904, XP002306167</p> <p>page 901, column 2, paragraph 2</p>	<p>1-15, 20-36, 40-46, 49, 51-56, 58,60-65</p>
Y	<p>PARK S.J. ET AL: "Synthesis and magnetic studies of uniform iron nanorods and nanospheres" J. AM. CHEM. SOC., vol. 122, 2000, pages 8581-8582, XP002306168</p> <p>page 8581, column 2, paragraph 3</p>	<p>1-15, 20-36, 40-46, 49, 51-56, 58,60-65</p>
P,Y	<p>WO 03/086660 A (US GOVERNMENT) 23 October 2003 (2003-10-23)</p> <p>page 1, paragraph 3; claims 4-7,10-12</p>	<p>1-15, 20-36, 40-46, 49, 51-56, 58,60-65</p>

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## Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of Item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.:  
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:  
  
Although claims 60-65 are directed to a diagnostic method practised on the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.
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1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
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1-11, 14, 15, 20-36, 40-46, 49, 51-56, 58, 60-65 (all partially), 12  
13 (all completely)

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 12, 13 complete 1-11, 14, 15, 20-36, 40-46, 49, 51-56, 58, 60-65 in part

Magnetic nanoparticle of less than 2.5 nm diameter having a core of metal atoms wherein the core is covalently linked to a plurality of ligands wherein the ligand incorporates a lanthanide. Excluding the subject matter of inventions 2-9

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2. claims: 16, 17, 47, 48, 57, 59 complete; 1-11, 14, 15, 20-36, 40-46, 49-56, 58, 60-65 in part

Magnetic nanoparticle of less than 2.5 nm diameter having a core of metal atoms wherein the core is covalently linked to a plurality of ligands wherein the ligand comprises a carbohydrate group (polysaccharide, oligosaccharide, monosaccharide). Excluding the subject matter of inventions 1, 3-9.

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3. claims: 18, 19 complete; 1-11, 14, 15, 20-36, 40-46, 49, 51-56, 58, 60-65 in part

Magnetic nanoparticle of less than 2.5 nm diameter having a core of metal atoms wherein the core is covalently linked to a plurality of ligands wherein the ligand comprises a glycanoconjugate (glycolipid or glycoprotein). Excluding the subject matter of inventions 1, 2, 4-9.

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4. claims: 1-11, 14, 15, 20-37, 39 in part

Use of a magnetic nanoparticle of less than 2.5 nm diameter having a core of metal atoms wherein the core is covalently linked to a plurality of ligands wherein the ligand comprises an antigen for the preparation of a medicament for vaccinating. Excluding the subject matter of inventions 1-3, 5-9.

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5. claims: 38 complete; 1-11, 14, 15, 20-37, 39 in part

Use of a magnetic nanoparticle of less than 2.5 nm diameter having a core of metal atoms wherein the core is covalently linked to a plurality of ligands wherein the ligand comprises a nucleic acid encoding an antigen for the preparation of a medicament for vaccinating. Excluding the subject matter of inventions 1-4, 6-9.

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6. claims: 1-11, 14, 15, 20-36, 40-46, 49, 50 in part

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Use of a magnetic nanoparticle of less than 2.5 nm diameter having a core of metal atoms wherein the core is covalently linked to a plurality of ligands wherein the ligand comprises a hormone or DHEA for the preparation of a medicament for treatment of cancer metastasis. Excluding the subject matter of inventions 1-5, 7-9.

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7. claims: 1-11, 14, 15, 20-36, 40-46, 49, 50 in part

Use of a magnetic nanoparticle of less than 2.5 nm diameter having a core of metal atoms wherein the core is covalently linked to a plurality of ligands wherein the ligand comprises a peptide capable of binding to a cell-specific receptor for the preparation of a medicament for treatment of cancer metastasis. Excluding the subject matter of inventions 1-6, 8, 9.

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8. claims: 1-11, 14, 15, 20-36, 40-46, 49, 50 in part

Use of a magnetic nanoparticle of less than 2.5 nm diameter having a core of metal atoms wherein the core is covalently linked to a plurality of ligands wherein the ligand comprises a lipid for binding a toll receptor for the preparation of a medicament for treatment of cancer metastasis. Excluding the subject matter of inventions 1-7, 9.

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9. claims: 1-11, 14, 15, 20-36, 40-46, 49, 50 in part

Use of a magnetic nanoparticle of less than 2.5 nm diameter having a core of metal atoms wherein the core is covalently linked to a plurality of ligands wherein the ligand comprises methylene blue for the preparation of a medicament for treatment of cancer metastasis. Excluding the subject matter of inventions 1-8.

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